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AVERY PENNY RESIDENTIAL CENTER.
IT HAS BEEN AN ILLUMINATING NIGHT.
IT TOOK A WHILE TO MASTER FINN TAYLOR'S MIND.
BUT NOW CARNAGE CAN FLIP THROUGH IT LIKE A BOOK--
GOOD MORNING, MR. TAYLOR!
IS EVERYTHING OKAY, SIR? DID YOU LEAVE YOUR BRIEFCASE IN THE--?
I'M FINE--
--FINDING BOTH THE IMPORTANT--

--AND THE WHOLLY UNIMPORTANT.
BRENDA. BRRRENDA.
I CAN SMELL...YOUR BOTOX FROM HERE.
CARNAGE KEEPS THE MAN ALIVE.
(SORT OF.)
THE SYMBIOTE FILLS THE HUMAN'S FLESH--
--CONTROLLING HIS BODY AND MIND ALIKE.
BECAUSE CARNAGE NEEDS HIM.
IN ANY CHAIN OF SECURITY--
--A HUMAN IS THE WEAKEST LINK.
HE REMINDS HIMSELF THAT THE MEAT PUPPET IS HIS TICKET INTO THIS PLACE--
--THIS DEN--
--THIS FINAL DEFENSE OF HUMANITY.

VENOM WAR

CARNAGE #2

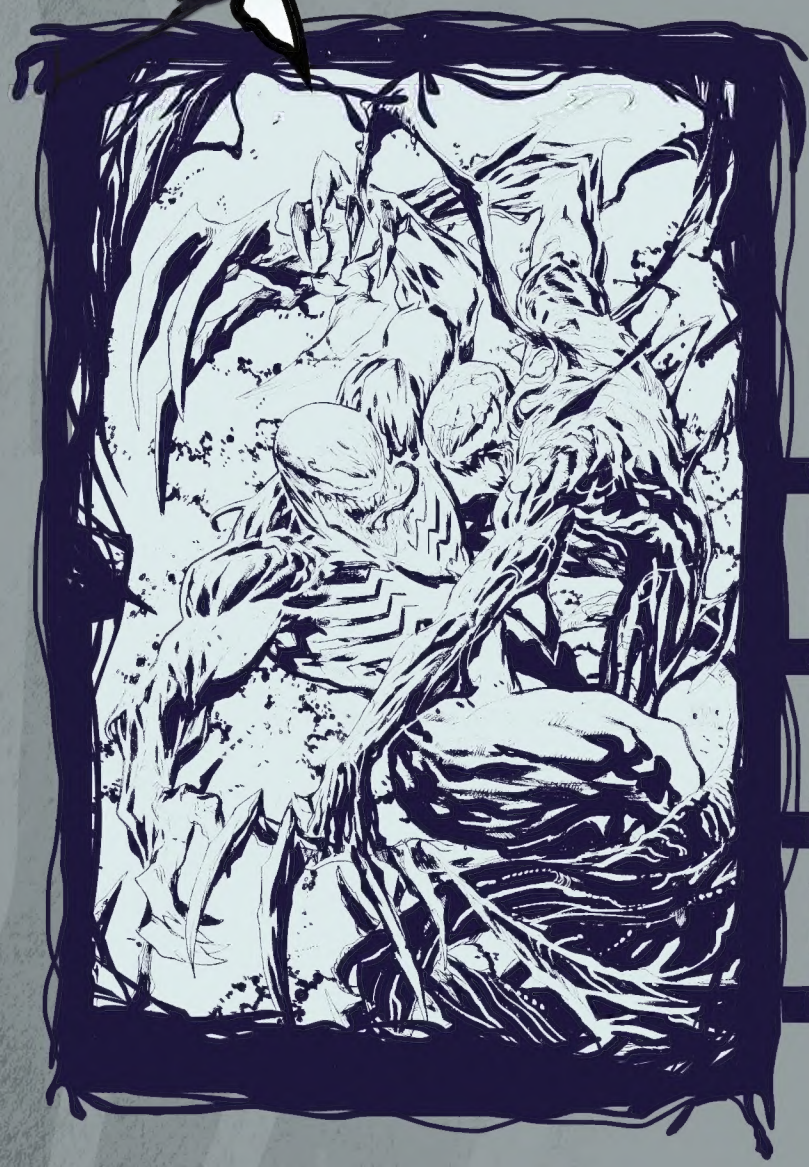
When the alien symbiote known as **VENOM** left its spawn behind in the jail cell of murderer **CLETUS KASADY**, it accidentally gave birth to the sadistic, super-powered mass murderer known as **CARNAGE**.

Together, the pair set about on a murderous path--until a weapon created by the chemical corporation ALCHEMAX put a deadly stop to it. After tracing the weapon to the company's **K-PROGRAM**, which experiments with symbiote-based technology, Carnage learns that an Alchemax employee named Finn Taylor has acquired a mysterious substance that makes the symbiote strains vulnerable to **DESTRUCTION**. Seeking full access to the project, Carnage has taken control of Taylor's body...

Meanwhile, **EDDIE BROCK** and his son, **DYLAN**, have separately bonded with Carnage's creator, Venom. Both have seen prophetic visions of the other leading the world to doom if given control of the Venom symbiote, setting them on a collision course for war. But even bigger threats loom--including Carnage, Alchemax...and **MERIDIUS**, an evil version of Eddie Brock from another timeline, who has his own sinister plans for the symbiotes.

CARNAGE

CLETUS KASADY



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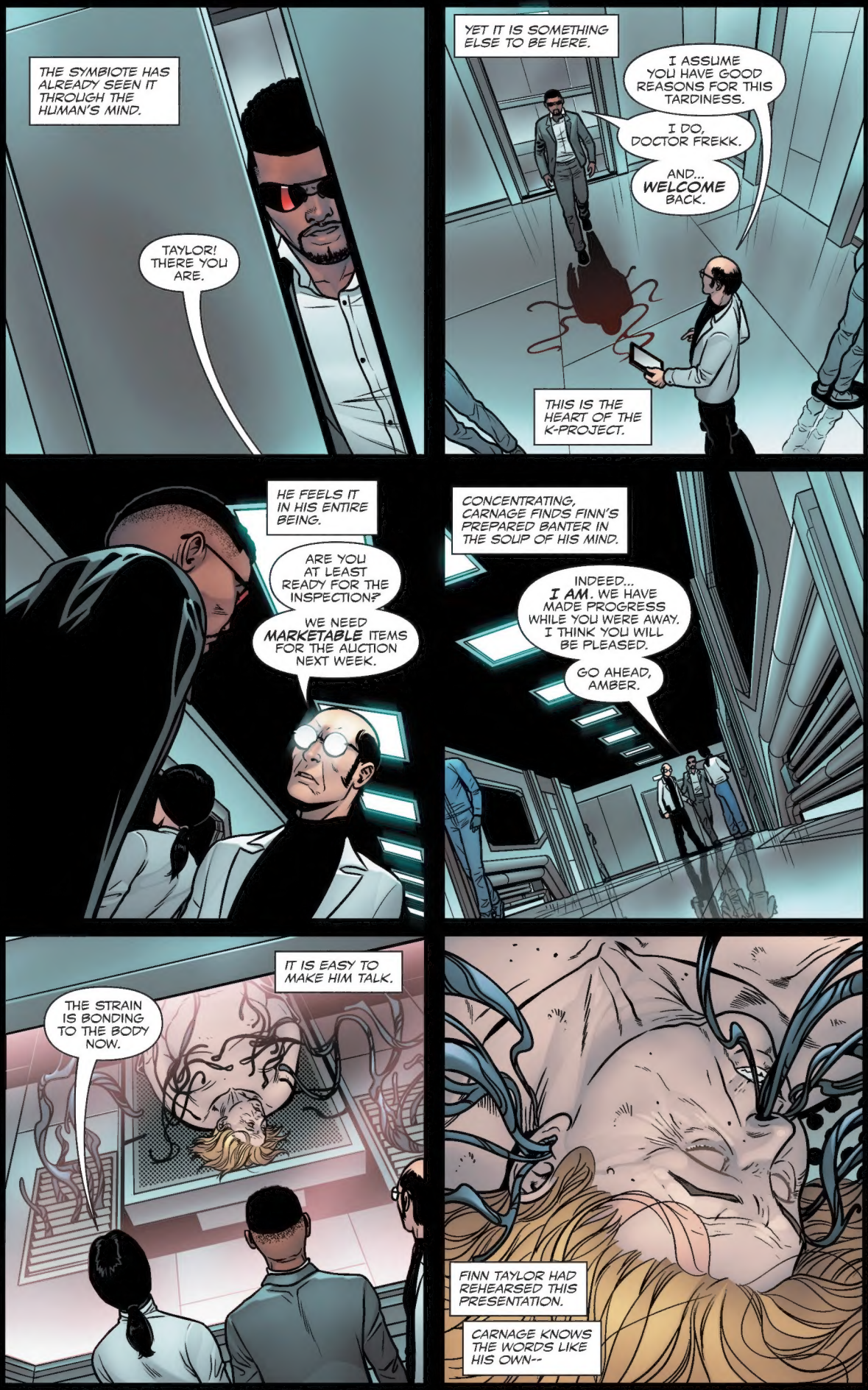
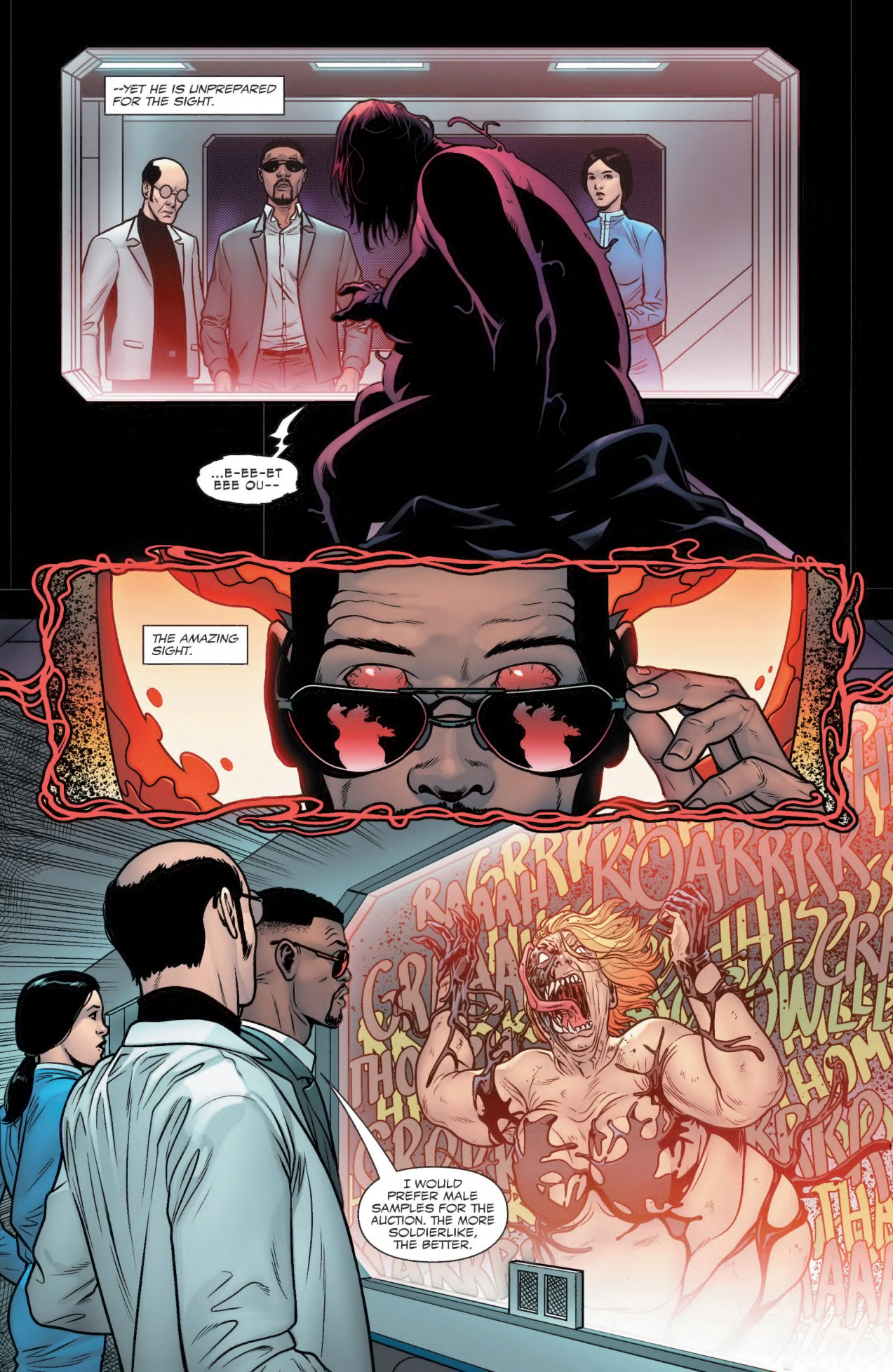
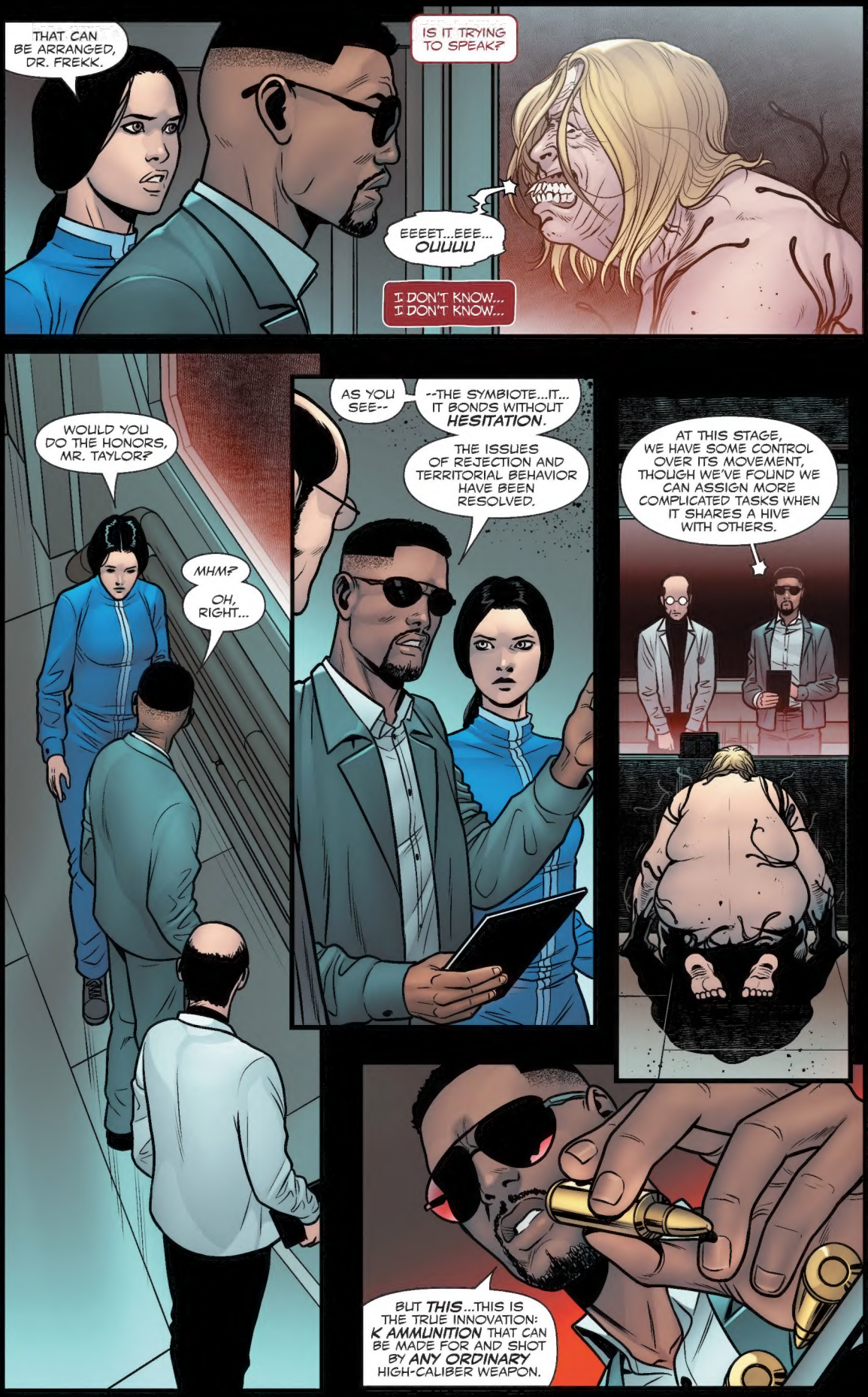

THE SYMBIOTE HAS ALREADY SEEN IT THROUGH THE HUMAN'S MIND.
TAYLOR! THERE YOU ARE.
YET IT IS SOMETHING ELSE TO BE HERE.
I ASSUME YOU HAVE GOOD REASONS FOR THIS TARDINESS.
I DO, DOCTOR FREKK.
AND... WELCOME BACK.
THIS IS THE HEART OF THE K-PROJECT.
HE FEELS IT IN HIS ENTIRE BEING.
ARE YOU AT LEAST READY FOR THE INSPECTION?
WE NEED MARKETABLE ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION NEXT WEEK.
CONCENTRATING, CARNAGE FINDS FINN'S PREPARED BANTER IN THE SOUP OF HIS MIND.
INDEED... I AM. WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS WHILE YOU WERE AWAY. I THINK YOU WILL BE PLEASED.
GO AHEAD, AMBER.
IT IS EASY TO MAKE HIM TALK.
THE STRAIN IS BONDING TO THE BODY NOW.
FINN TAYLOR HAD REHEARSED THIS PRESENTATION.
CARNAGE KNOWS THE WORDS LIKE HIS OWN--


--YET HE IS UNPREPARED FOR THE SIGHT.
...E-EE-ET EEE OU--
THE AMAZING SIGHT.
ROARRRK
I WOULD PREFER MALE SAMPLES FOR THE AUCTION. THE MORE SOLDIERLIKE, THE BETTER.


THAT CAN BE ARRANGED, DR. FREKK.
IS IT TRYING TO SPEAK?
EEEET...EEE... OUUUU
I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T KNOW...
WOULD YOU DO THE HONORS, MR. TAYLOR?
MHM?
OH, RIGHT...
AS YOU SEE--
--THE SYMBIOTE...IT... IT BONDS WITHOUT HESITATION.
THE ISSUES OF REJECTION AND TERRITORIAL BEHAVIOR HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.
AT THIS STAGE, WE HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER ITS MOVEMENT, THOUGH WE'VE FOUND WE CAN ASSIGN MORE COMPLICATED TASKS WHEN IT SHARES A HIVE WITH OTHERS.
BUT THIS...THIS IS THE TRUE INNOVATION: K AMMUNITION THAT CAN BE MADE FOR AND SHOT BY ANY ORDINARY HIGH-CALIBER WEAPON.

WHAT USED TO TAKE SEVERAL PRECIOUS SECONDS--
BLAM!
SWSHHH
--IS NOW INSTANT.

WITH ONLY ONE SHOT?
REMARKABLE.

WHY DO WE NOT JUST--KILL THEM ALL NOW?!
REMARKABLE, INDEED.
WE CAN BURN THIS PLACE TO THE GROUND--
--LIKE ST. ESTES.

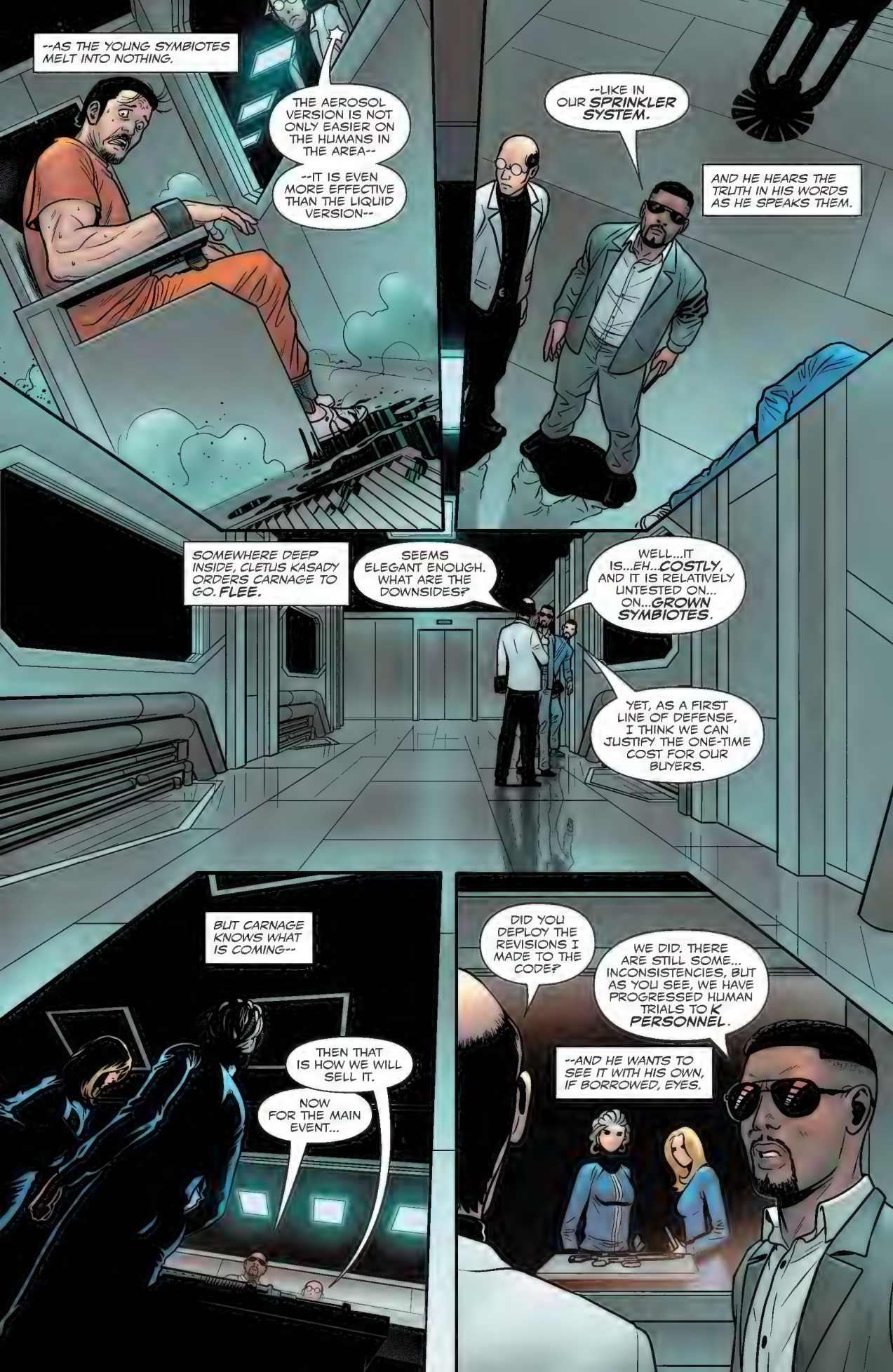
NO. I WANT TO SEE MORE.
WHAT'S NEXT?
INOCULATION, DOCTOR FREKK.

I THOUGHT WE WERE OUT OF TEST SUBJECTS...?
WE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WARDEN OF THE LOCAL PRISON.
...WHEN DID YOU LAST VOID YOUR BLADDER?
I WANT TO SEE IT.

EH... WHAT?
ERRR... WHEN DID YOU LAST...TAKE A LEAK?

GO AHEAD, PLEASE. WHEN DID HE RECEIVE IMMUNIZATION?
YESTERDAY.
WE FIND THEY REACH FULL IMMUNITY AFTER ABOUT FOUR HOURS.

CARNAGE CAN FEEL THEIR HUNGER THROUGH THE GLASS.
WHAT THE HELL?!
WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?!
THEIR NEED FOR A HOST.
YET THEY DO NOT TOUCH HIM.
INJECTIONS ARE STILL THE MOST RELIABLE METHOD TO TRANSFER THE VACCINE.
OUR TRIAL WITH INGESTIBLES HAS BEEN...INCONSISTENT AT BEST.
BUT THE INJECTIONS ARE READY FOR MARKET--
--AND SO IS--
--THIS.
CARNAGE FEELS THEIR PAIN RUSH THROUGH HIM--


--AS THE YOUNG SYMBIOTES MELT INTO NOTHING.
THE AEROSOL VERSION IS NOT ONLY EASIER ON THE HUMANS IN THE AREA--
--IT IS EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE LIQUID VERSION--
--LIKE IN OUR SPRINKLER SYSTEM.
AND HE HEARS THE TRUTH IN HIS WORDS AS HE SPEAKS THEM.
SOMEWHERE DEEP INSIDE, CLETUS KASADY ORDERS CARNAGE TO GO. FLEE.
SEEMS ELEGANT ENOUGH. WHAT ARE THE DOWNSIDES?
WELL...IT IS...EH...COSTLY, AND IT IS RELATIVELY UNTESTED ON... ON...GROWN SYMBIOTES.
YET, AS A FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE, I THINK WE CAN JUSTIFY THE ONE-TIME COST FOR OUR BUYERS.
BUT CARNAGE KNOWS WHAT IS COMING--
THEN THAT IS HOW WE WILL SELL IT.
NOW FOR THE MAIN EVENT...
DID YOU DEPLOY THE REVISIONS I MADE TO THE CODE?
WE DID. THERE ARE STILL SOME... INCONSISTENCIES, BUT AS YOU SEE, WE HAVE PROGRESSED HUMAN TRIALS TO K PERSONNEL.
--AND HE WANTS TO SEE IT WITH HIS OWN, IF BORROWED, EYES.

THE SYNTHETIC HIVE.
CARNAGE HAS SEEN IT IN THE MIND OF THE HUMAN.
BUT HE DID NOT QUITE BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE.
PLEASE BEGIN.
DEAD HUMANS, CONTROLLED BY THE LIVING THROUGH A SYMBIOTE HIVE.
BLASPHEMY.

AS YOU CAN SEE--
--THE SYMBIOTES ARE CONTROLLED BY THE LEADER OF THE HIVE--
--YET THEY ARE DOING MORE THAN MIRRORING THE MOVEMENTS OF THE LEADER, THEY UNDERSTAND THE INTENTION.
SOMETHING IS... MISSING. THERE'S A PIECE MISSING.
THE HUMANS COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS...MADE THIS... WITHOUT HELP.
THE SYMBIOTES ARE OBVIOUSLY SHOOTING BLANKS FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY.
PERHAPS, MY LOVE...BUT LOOK.
AS YOU CAN SEE, DR. FREKK, THE SYMBIOTES INTERPRET THE INTENTION AND REPLICATE--
I WOULD AVOID USING THE WORD INTERPRET DURING THE PRESENTATION.
LOOK AT THEM...
MR. TAYLOR, WE DO NOT IN ANY WAY WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WOULD FUNCTION WITHOUT THE HUMAN CONTROLLING THE HIVE.
SHE IS NOT IN CONTROL--

--THEY ARE.
WHAT ABOUT THE SIDE EFFECTS? THE NAUSEA?
BLEURGH!
NOT AGAIN.
DAMMIT!
BANG!
THE HIVE HAS TAKEN OVER.
BRATATATA
CODE RED! CODE RED!
FINN! FLUSH THE CAGE!!!

THEY ARE TESTING US.

THEY KNOW WHAT WE ARE.

CLEVER GIRLS.
BANG

WE NEED TO GO, CARNAGE.
MR. TAYLOR! TAKE COVER!!!
I WANT TO SEE. I WANT TO SEE WHAT THEY'LL DO
ACTIVATE THE SPRINKLERS!
CARNAGE FEELS THEM.
THE PAIN AND PANIC--

--HE FEELS IT LIKE HIS OWN.
BURNING, THE POISON FINDS ITS WAY THROUGH FINN TAYLOR'S SKIN, HITTING THE SYMBIOTE WITHIN.
EVERY DROP IS AGONY, STUNNING CARNAGE.
AND FOR A MOMENT, HE LOSES CONTROL--
--ALLOWING THE SKIN PUPPET TO FORCE ITS LAST BREATH OUT OF ITS BROKEN LUNGS.
C-CARNAGE! IT IS IN ME--

BUT THEN CLETUS TAKES THE WHEEL.
LET US SHOW THEM THE MEANING OF CARNAGE
SHOOT TO KILL--
--NOW!!!

MERIDIUS IS SO RARELY SURPRISED.
CAREFUL NOW--
(IT IS A SIDE EFFECT OF REliving HISTORY.)
--DON'T LOSE YOUR HEADS!
YET HE FINDS HIMSELF--
--SURPRISED.
WAS THAT ALL?
IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?

AS HE LISTENS TO THE BREAKING OF BONES--

--THE CRUSHING OF ORGANS--

--LAST BREATHS AND TEARING FLESH--

--HE REALIZES--

--CARNAGE IS GOING TO GET AWAY AGAIN.

HE IS GOING TO WIN--

--AGAIN.

UNLESS HE STEPS IN.

CARNAGE.
YOU?!
WELCOME HOME.
TO BE CONCLUDED.

VENOM WAR

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

VENOM WAR #2

VENOM #37

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